

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2418  
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Public Health  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that there is a gap in the training requirements for a subset of individuals employed by a health care facility to practice surgical technology. H.B. 2418 seeks to establish continuing education requirements for those individuals.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2418 amends the Health and Safety Code to require the following persons employed by a health care facility to practice surgical technology to complete 15 hours of continuing education each year and submit evidence of the satisfactory completion of the continuing education to the facility: a person who has completed an appropriate training program for surgical technology in the U.S. military or the U.S. Public Health Service, a person who was employed to practice surgical technology in a health care facility before September 1, 2009, and a person who does not meet applicable requirements but who is authorized to be employed at a facility under certain conditions. The bill prohibits a facility from continuing to employ the person if the person does not complete the required continuing education but expressly does not require such a person to complete the continuing education before September 1, 2018.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.